

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

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A RESOLUTION designating February 1, 2009, as "Go Red For Women Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of women in our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases, including heart disease and stroke, claim more women's lives each year than the next five causes of death combined; and

WHEREAS, the lack of urgency about such a serious health threat contributes to the deaths of more than 460,000 women nationally, at the rate of about one death per minute, each year; and

WHEREAS, February 1, 2009, is designated as "Go Red for Women Day" in Tennessee; that date also marks the fifth annual National Wear Red Day, a day dedicated to building awareness of heart disease as the number one cause of death among women; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association, as part of its "Go Red for Women" movement, is encouraging everyone to wear red on that day to show support for all women who have been touched by heart disease or stroke; it's a national call to increase awareness of heart disease and to inspire women to take charge of their hearts' health; and

WHEREAS, what began as a grassroots awareness campaign has grown into a movement involving millions of women, men, celebrities, health care providers, and political leaders; and

WHEREAS, by increasing public awareness and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, especially among women, we hereby designate February 1, 2009, as "Go Red for Women Day" in Tennessee, and encourage all citizens to commemorate this day by the wearing of the color red.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.